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1. On 10 January 1953, the East German Ministry of the Interior ordered that buses available in the Cottbus area be assembled. Thereupon a special meeting of the executive board of the Bezirksamt (District Administration) was convened, and orders were given that the vehicles of the motor pool be ready for employment at all times. [redacted]

of the motor pool was ready for employment at the time these measures were said to be connected with the interruption of interurban railroad traffic between East and West Berlin.

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2. On 7 January 1953, orders were given that construction work on the following road check points around West Berlin be suspended without delay: Waltersdorf, Erkner, Dahlewitz, Ahrensfelde, Lindenberg, Schil-dow, Zepernick, and Schoenerlinde. All pertinent orders given to con-struction firms were cancelled and orders for the procurement of construction materials were voided. Construction work originally to be done at these check points included the construction of barracks buildings, loading ramps, inspection pits where the under sides of vehicles would be checked, and the execution of road repair work.²

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3. [redacted] all buses available at Neuruppin were ordered to proceed to Hennigsdorf on 19 January 1953. The factory vehicles of the nationalized steel plant at Hennigsdorf were prepared for undetermined employment.¹

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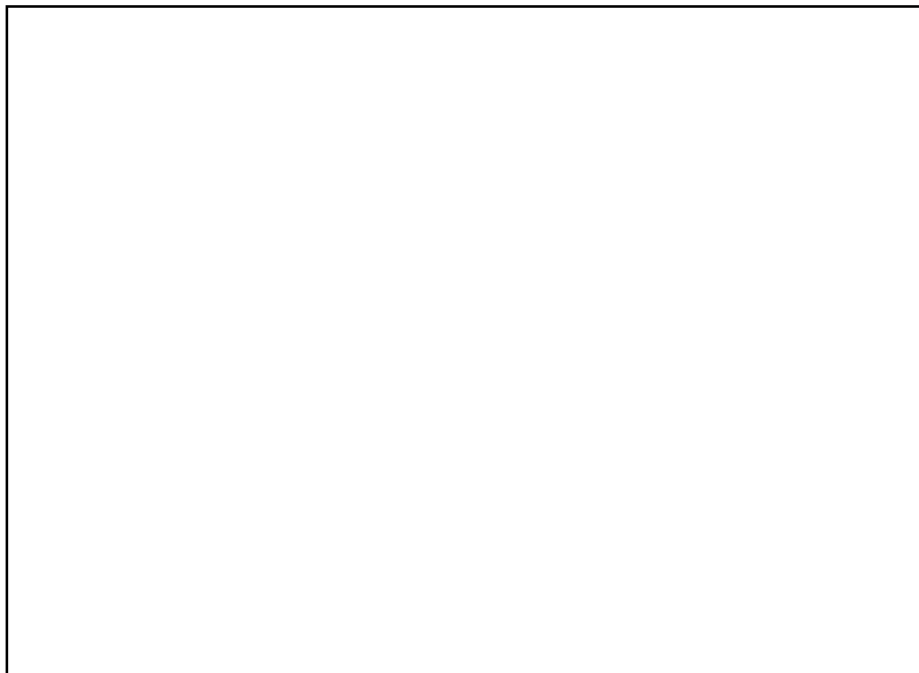
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Comment.

Under present conditions, the interruption of this traffic would detrimentally affect the economy of East Berlin. These consequences would have to be eliminated by an extensive employment of motor vehicles. The measures reported in paragraphs 1 and 3 of the present report may be connected with such plans. However, all the information available indicates that the interruption of railroad traffic between the two sectors of Berlin is not to be expected in the near future.

Comment. It appears that the establishment of additional road check points was planned as was also reported in the field of railroad traffic. The present report indicates that the establishment of these road check points was postponed for an indefinite period.

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